**Deacons (Acts 6:1-7; 1 Tim. 3:8-13)**

Word or works?

Church: sign and foretaste of the kingdom

How can we ensure church life has both? That’s where deacons come in

“deacon” = “service”

**The role of a deacon (Acts 6:1-7)**

How things are going for the church

An internal threat

Solution – i.

ii.

3 aspects of a deacon’s ministry

*1. Deacons are to care for the physical needs of the church*

Not mere charity work

Helping us obey Jesus’ command of love

*2. Deacons are to work for unity in the body*

*3. Deacons are to support the ministry of the Word*

Wide, varied, and flexible!

**What kind of people does God want serving as deacons? (1 Tim 3:8-13)**

*1. Deacons have integrity*

*2. Deacons exhibit faithfulness*

Ought to be tested first. Some questions

We serve the ultimate deacon